



# News Release

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## **State disciplines health care providers**

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) ([www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov)). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

### **Benton County**

In April 2010 the Licensed Mental Health and Licensed Social Worker Programs released **Sara M. Ellingson** (LH00004395, SW00004036) from terms and conditions set against her licenses.

### **Chelan County**

In April 2010 the Medical Commission reinstated the license of physician **Kenneth M. Jones** (MD00028268) and placed his license on probation. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

### **Clark County**

In April 2010 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Sylvia L. Kearns** (RN00079572) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly practiced while affected by alcohol.

In April 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program terminated the order of probation against certified nursing assistant **Jamie A. Wrede** (NC60113219).

### **Island County**

In April 2010 the Medical Commission charged physician **Wylie N. Vracin** (MD00020146) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

### **King County**

In April 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Sherryl Rose Brongil** (CO60124044) and placed her certification on probation for one year. She was convicted of uttering a forged prescription for a controlled substance on more than one occasion, forgery on more than one occasion, possession of stolen property on more than one occasion, theft, and identity theft. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In April 2010 the Massage Program terminated the order of probation against **Carmen A. Foster** (MA00017577).

In April 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of **Natalie N. Gomez** (CP00006406) and placed her license on probation for three years. Conditions were placed against her registered counselor credential. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In April 2010 the Health Care Assistant Program reinstated the license of **Deanna R. Holmes** (HC60017467) and placed conditions against her license. She must comply with the terms and conditions set against her license.

In March 2010 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of licensed practical nurse **Kenneth W. Kuenz** (LP00038805) and placed his license on probation. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In April 2010 the Registered Counselor and Chemical Dependency Professional Programs terminated the order of probation against **Richard Tobin Sirota** (RC00008907, CP00002204).

In April 2010 the Health Care Assistant Program reinstated the license of **George A. Ure, II** (HC00147468) and placed conditions against his license.

### **Kitsap County**

In April 2010 the Registered Counselor Program terminated the order of probation against **Jason S. Honsowetz** (RC60068635).

### **Pierce County**

In April 2010 the Chiropractic Commission terminated the order of probation against **John W. Burki** (CH00033768).

In April 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of **Rebecca L. Elder** (NA60106242). She was convicted of theft.

In April 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Joshua R. Ewing** (NA60067725) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of child rape, solicitation to commit child rape, and child molestation — domestic violence.

In April 2010 the Dental Commission granted the application of dental assistant **Stacy L. Martin** (D160102560) and placed conditions against her certification. She was convicted of driving under the influence.

In April 2010 the Massage Program terminated the order of probation against **Kaila Kathleen Standon** (MA60012873). She's also known as Kaila Kathleen Palmer.

### **Skagit County**

In March 2010 the Nursing Commission terminated the order of probation against registered nurse and licensed practical nurse **Lisa A. Dickinson** (RN60049053, LP00052145).

### **Snohomish County**

In April 2010 the Health Care Assistant Program granted the application of **Adela G. Hussen** (HC00153657) and placed her license on probation for two years. She was convicted of negligent driving in 2007, and was denied a health care assistant license in 2007 for a 2004 theft conviction.

In April 2010 the Dental Commission charged dentist **David A. Pacey** (DE00007845) with unprofessional conduct. His treatment of a patient allegedly fell below the standard of care resulting in infection. He also allegedly failed to report the patient's hospitalization for the infection to the department.

### **Spokane County**

In April 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Christina M. McCoy** (NC60039386) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to respond to department inquiries regarding an alleged conviction.

In March 2010 the Health Care Assistant Program denied the application of **Karen M. Vijarro** (HC60081660). She entered into a continuance of the charge of assault — domestic violence, and failed to disclose the charge on her application.

In March 2010 the Nursing Commission released registered nurse **Starla R. Wessels** (RN00057865) from terms and conditions set against her license.

### **Whatcom County**

In April 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Kevin Patrick Maier** (CO60138358) and placed his credential on probation for three years. Terms and conditions were set against his credential to practice as a registered counselor. He must comply with the terms and conditions set against his new credential.

### **Out of State**

**California:** In March 2010 the Nursing Commission denied the application of licensed practical nurse **Brandy Lynn Granziero** (LP60075168). She voluntarily surrendered her license to practice as a licensed practical nurse in Oregon, and acknowledged she is chemically dependent. She also failed to disclose the license surrender on her application.

**Missouri:** In April 2010 the Respiratory Care Practitioner Program terminated the order of probation against **Bari Cooper** (LR00003114).

**Montana:** In March 2010 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of registered nurse **Reue L. Verbus** (RN00159700) and placed her license on probation. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

**Utah:** In March 2010 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of registered nurse **Lucy M. Ulbrickson** (RN00068421) and placed her license on probation. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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